

## Lesson 40: God Tests Abraham

[Genesis 22:1-18](#)

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/BG3v4PwCmGY>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/CcPIJxXflqU>

**Worship Theme:** Children trust and obey God.

**Memory Verse:** "Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight." (Deuteronomy 6:18)

### Songs (Youtube):

1. Father Abraham <https://youtu.be/OAuJ7i82odA>
2. Jesus I Trust You [https://youtu.be/Vq\\_yln2huAM](https://youtu.be/Vq_yln2huAM)
3. Listen, All Little Children <https://youtu.be/ewu6Tfpo5Vo>

### Prayer:

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker:

**Option 1** (for younger children): Simon Says

**Option 2** (for older children): "Can You Follow Directions?"



1. Blindfold one of the students.
2. Without telling the blindfolded student, place a candy (or tape the candy on a wall) at a place far away from the student.
3. Ask another student to give directions to the blindfolded student so that they can find the candy.
4. Remind the blind-folded student that they have to trust the instruction from their partner and obey even

if he does not understand why. They have 1 minute to work together to find the candy.

(After the game) Remember how important it was for the blindfolded student to listen to and obey their partner. This is very similar to obeying God. God has a reason for everything he asks of us, although we might not know what that reason is at first. But we can trust God. We can know that when we obey God, good things will happen even though we might not be able to see the reason at the time.

### Introduction:

Today, we will learn about Abraham who made God happy by obeying him. Obeying God means we trust what he tells us to do, and do it with a happy heart. Sometimes, we don't like to do what people tell us to do. How many of you obey everything your parents tell you to do? How many of you don't listen to your parents? Today, let's learn from Abraham how obeying God makes God happy!

### Bible Story:

Abraham is a great example of someone who trusted God and obeyed him. God promised Abraham that he would have more descendants than there are stars in the sky. But Abraham was very old before he finally had his first son, Isaac. He was 100 years old! Could God possibly keep his promise even though Abraham was so old and had only one boy?

Before God could give Abraham as many descendants as there are stars, Abraham had to obey God. God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac when Isaac was still just a boy. That meant to kill him. It's hard to understand why God would have asked Abraham to do this. But Abraham trusted God and followed God's instructions.

He took Isaac to the mountain where God told him to go - Mount Moriah. And he prepared to sacrifice his son. Just as Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, God

stopped him and told him not to do it. God knew for sure that Abraham loved him more than anything else and would obey him no matter what. Isaac went on to have many children and grandchildren until Abraham's descendants were as many as there are stars in the sky.

Remember that God doesn't want to take your favorite thing away from you. But he does want you to make him number one in your heart, the way Abraham did.

**Questions to discuss:**

1. Why do you think Abraham was willing to obey God's command to sacrifice Isaac? (Answer: he trusted God; he knew that God knows what's best for us)
2. What can we learn from Abraham about obeying God? (Answer: We should obey God, no matter how strange the command is; we can always trust God when we obey him.)

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**1. Craft:**

**Option 1:** We can cut out a crown from paper and then wear it. Cut some shapes for the crown and color it. Ask the children to write "(Child's name) obeys God." Finally, clip or tape it into a circle to fit the children's head.



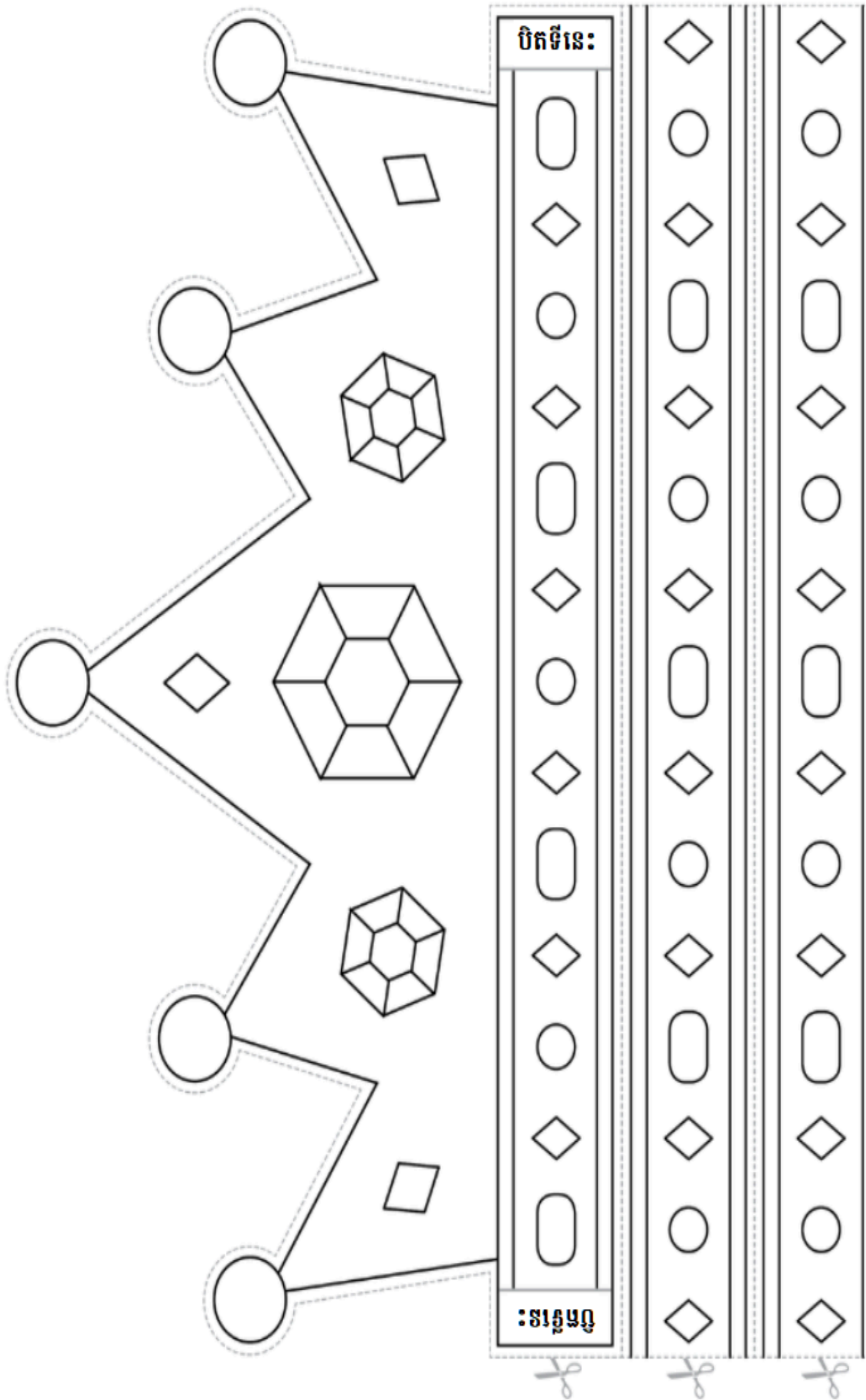
**Option 2:** Students can color the coloring page (see below) and remember how Abraham trusted and obeyed God.

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

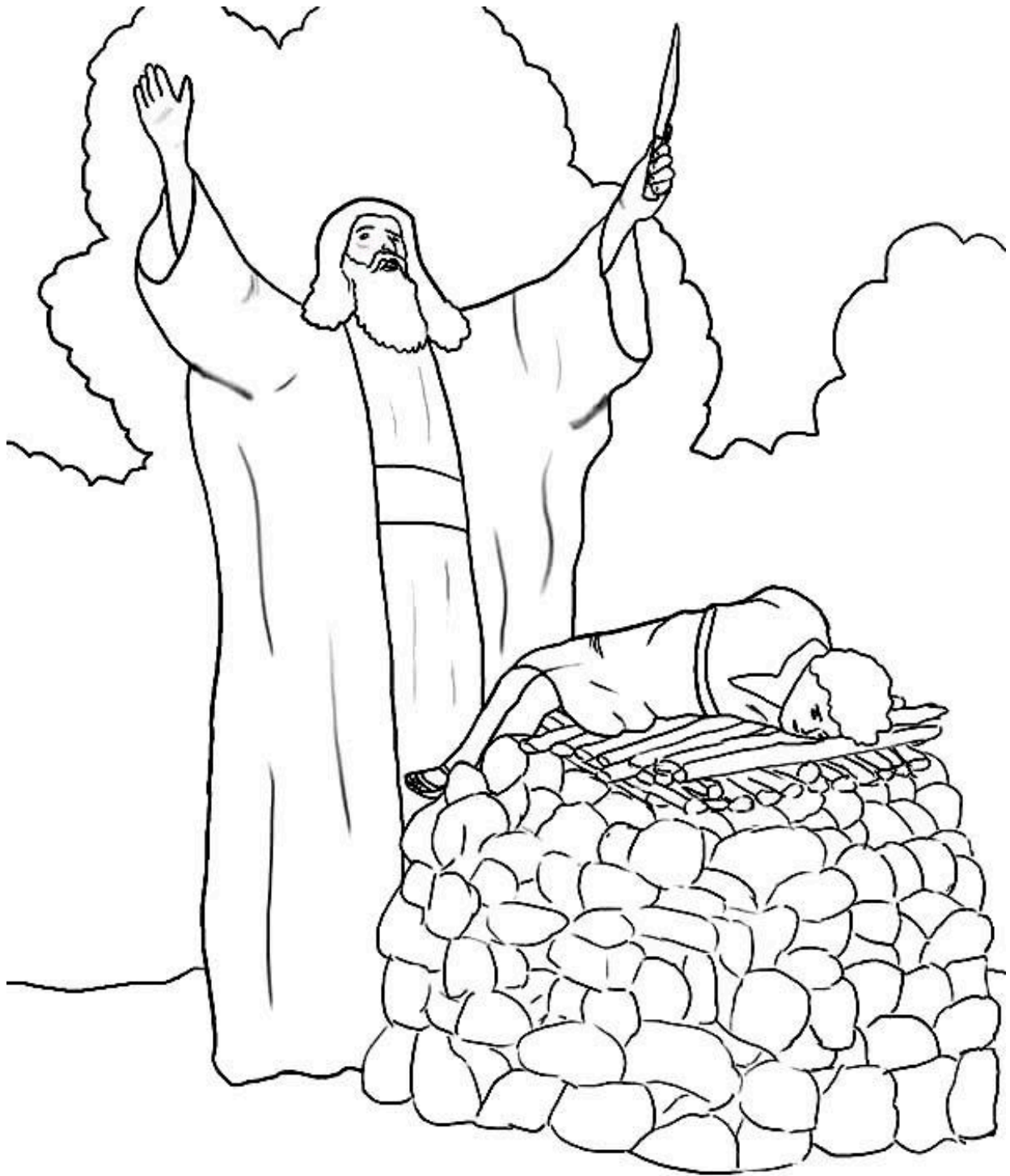
**Prayer:**

Devotion for Teachers:

Abraham was able to obey God because he trusted God. Has God asked you for a sacrifice? Thank him for helping you to trust and obey. As we continue to obey God as Abraham did, we grow in our faith and our relationship with his Son, Jesus.



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Memory Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

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